

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended)

A storage rack comprising:

- a) a base section that is adapted to be mounted on top of a land vehicle and which includes a frame which includes a first frame side element, a second frame side element, a first frame end element, a second frame end element, a longitudinal axis which extends between the first frame end element and the second frame end element, a transverse axis which extends between the first frame side element and the second frame side element, the ~~side~~ frame side elements intersecting the ~~end~~ frame end elements to form a polygon, a first corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element and the first frame side element, a second corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element and the second frame side element, a third corner formed at an intersection between the first frame side element and the second frame end element, a fourth corner formed at an intersection between the second frame end element and the second frame side element, the first frame side element being L-shaped and having a first flange that is a bottom flange when the frame is in a use orientation and a second flange that is a side flange when the frame is in the use orientation, the first frame end

element and the second frame end element being C-shaped, each C-shaped frame end element having a first flange that is a top flange when the frame is in the use orientation, a second flange which is a bottom flange when the frame is in the use orientation and a third flange which is a side flange when the frame is in the use orientation, the flanges of each C-shaped frame end element defining a channel, a longitudinal support element which is connected at a first end thereof to the first frame end element and at a second end thereof to the second frame end element, a transverse support element having a first end fixed to the first frame side element and a second end fixed to the second frame side element, a first leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the first corner, a second leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the second corner, a third leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the third corner, and a fourth leg fixed to the frame adjacent to the fourth corner, each leg having a first end that is a top end when the frame is in the use orientation and a second end that is a bottom end when the frame is in the use orientation, the first ends of the first and second legs being co-planar with each other in a first plane and the second ends of at least the first and second legs being co-planar with each other in a second plane that is spaced apart from the first plane, the frame side and end elements being co-planar with each other in a third plane, the third plane being spaced apart from the first and second planes with the third plane being located between the first and second planes;

- b) a first stop element on the ~~first~~ second frame side element of the frame adjacent to the second corner of the frame;
- c) a second stop element on the second frame side element of the frame adjacent to the fourth corner of the frame;
- d) an item-engaging section which includes a frame which includes a first frame side element, a second frame side element, a first frame end element, a second frame end element, a longitudinal axis which extends between the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and the second frame end element of the item-engaging section, a transverse axis which extends between the first frame side element of the item-engaging section and the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, the ~~side~~ frame side elements of the item-engaging section and the ~~end~~ frame end elements of the item-engaging section being coplanar with each other and contained in a first plane of the item-engaging section, the frame side elements of the item-engaging section intersecting the frame end elements of the item-engaging section to form a polygon, a first corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and the first frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second corner formed at an intersection between the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a third corner formed at an intersection between the first frame side element of the

item-engaging section and the second frame end element of the item-engaging section, a fourth corner formed at an intersection between the second frame end element of the item-engaging section and the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a longitudinal support element having a first end fixed to the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and a second end fixed to the second frame end element of the item-engaging section, a transverse support element having a first end fixed to the first frame side element of the item-engaging section and a second end fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a first roller element mounted on the item-engaging section adjacent to the first corner of the item-engaging section, a first axle rollably mounting the first roller to the item-engaging section, a second roller element mounted on the item-engaging section adjacent to the third corner of the item-engaging section, a second axle rollably mounting the second roller to the item-engaging section, the first roller element being rollably accommodated in the C-shaped first end element of the base section frame and moving between a storage position adjacent to the first corner of the base section frame and a use position adjacent to the second corner of the base section frame, the second roller element being rollably accommodated in the C-shaped second frame end element of the base section frame and moving between a storage position adjacent to the third corner of the base section frame and a use position adjacent to the fourth corner of

- base section frame, the frame elements of the item-engaging section being L-shaped and each having a first flange that is a top flange when the frame of the item-engaging section is in ~~the~~ a storage position and a second flange that is a side flange when the item-engaging section is in the storage position, a first corner support element having a first end fixed to the second corner of the item-engaging section and a second end spaced apart from the first end of the first corner support element, a second corner support element having a first end fixed to the fourth corner of the item-engaging section and a second end spaced apart from the first end of the second corner support element, the second ends of the corner support elements being co-planar with each other and being contained in a second plane of the item-engaging section, the second plane of the item-engaging section being spaced apart from the first plane of the item-engaging section;
- e) the item-engaging section being rotatable about the first and second axes between a storage position that has the first plane of the item-engaging section essentially co-planar with the third plane of the base section frame and a deployed position that has the first plane of the item-engaging section oriented at a right angle with respect to the third plane of the base section frame; and
- f) a handle which is U-shaped and has a first leg having a first end fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second end spaced apart from the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second

leg having a first end fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second end which is spaced apart from the second frame side element of the item-engaging section, a bight section having a first end connected to the second end of the first leg and a second end connected to the second end of the second leg.

Claim 2. (original)

The storage rack as described in claim 1 further including a first item support element on the first frame end element of the item-engaging section and a second item support element on the second frame end element of the item-engaging section.

Claim 3. (original)

The storage rack as described in claim 1 further including a net on the item-engaging section.

Please add the following new claim:

Claim 4. (new)

A storage rack comprising:

- a) a base section adapted to be mounted on top of a land vehicle and including a frame having first and second L-shaped frame side elements each with a bottom

flange and a side flange, first and second C-shaped frame end elements each with a top flange, a bottom flange and a side flange wherein the flanges of each C-shaped frame end element define a channel and wherein the frame side elements and the frame end elements intersect to form a rectangle, and four legs wherein each is fixed to the base section frame adjacent to a respective one of the intersections between the frame side and frame end elements;

- b) first and second stop elements on the second frame side element of the base section frame, one adjacent to each of the first and second frame end elements;
- c) an item-engaging section including a frame having first and frame side elements and first and second frame end elements wherein the frame side elements and frame end elements of the item-engaging section intersect to form a rectangle, a first roller element rollably mounted on the first frame end element of the item-engaging section adjacent to the first frame side element of the item-engaging section, a second roller element rollably mounted on the second frame end element of the item-engaging section adjacent to the first frame side element of the item-engaging section wherein the first and second roller elements are rollably accommodated in a respective one of the C-shaped first and second frame end elements of the base section frame and movable between a storage position adjacent to the first frame side element of the base section frame and a use position adjacent to the second frame side element of the base section frame, first

- and second corner support elements fixed to opposing ends of the second frame side element of the item-engaging section and adjacent to a respective one of the first and second frame end elements of the item-engaging section; and
- d) a handle fixed to the second frame side element of the item-engaging section; and
 - e) wherein the item-engaging section is rotatable about the first and second roller elements and movable between a storage position wherein the frame of the item-engaging section is adjacent to the base section frame and a deployed position wherein the frame of the item-engaging section is oriented at a right angle with respect to the base section frame.